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To provide for recovery efforts relating to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
for Corps of Engineers projects.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

A BILL

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Katrina and Rita for Corps of Engineers projects.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT-TERM ASSESSMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, acting
5 through the Chief of Engineers (referred to in this Act
6 as the “Secretary”), shall conduct, at full Federal expense,
7 a comprehensive assessment of Corps infrastructure in the
8 State of Louisiana affected by Hurricanes Katrina and
9 Rita to determine whether opportunities exist for project
10 modifications or project integration that may—

1 (1) reduce future hurricane impacts; or

2 (2) further other project purposes.

3 (b) CONTENT.—The assessment under subsection (a)
4 shall include, at a minimum—

5 (1) a description of means of providing an in-
6 creased level of hurricane protection using a com-
7 bination of structural and nonstructural features;

8 (2) a review of the use of a combination of
9 structural means (such as levees and floodgates) and
10 nonstructural means (such as wetlands and beaches)
11 in providing hurricane protection;

12 (3) a prioritization of actions that should be
13 taken to improve the level of hurricane protection
14 provided; and

15 (4) such other information as the Secretary de-
16 termines to be appropriate.

17 (c) REPORT.—Not later than January 15, 2006, the
18 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment
19 and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on
20 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives a report describing the results of the assess-
22 ment.

23 (d) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available by
24 the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act,
25 2006, for investigations by the Corps of Engineers, the

1 Secretary may use not more than \$1,000,000 to carry out
2 this section.

3 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Using the results of the assess-
5 ment reported under section 1(c), the Secretary shall, in
6 consultation with the State of Louisiana, conduct a com-
7 prehensive, integrated water resources analysis to design
8 and develop a full range of flood control, navigation, eco-
9 system restoration, and hurricane protection measures for
10 southern Louisiana.

11 (b) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
12 the date of submission of the report under section 1(c),
13 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environ-
14 ment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee
15 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
16 Representatives an initial report detailing an integrated
17 approach to category 5 flood control, navigation, and eco-
18 system restoration for the Gulf Coast region of the State
19 of Louisiana that includes—

20 (1) a description of an overall approach for fu-
21 ture spending in that region;

22 (2) an identification of specific changes to ongo-
23 ing projects, as well as proposals for future projects,
24 in that region; and

1 (3) a consideration of potential future projects,
2 including projects involving—

3 (A) the replacement of barrier islands;

4 (B) coastal restoration;

5 (C) the closing of the Mississippi River
6 Gulf Outlet;

7 (D) the filling in of canals; and

8 (E) the relocation of pumping stations to
9 areas that are less threatened by rising water.

10 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
11 date of submission of the report under section 1(c), the
12 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment
13 and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on
14 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives a final technical report for an integrated ap-
16 proach to category 5 flood control, navigation, and eco-
17 system restoration for the Gulf Coast region of the State
18 of Louisiana.

19 (d) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available by
20 the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act,
21 2006, for investigations by the Corps of Engineers, the
22 Secretary shall use not more than \$8,000,000 to carry out
23 this section.

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